

REMARKS

This Response is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2010 (hereinafter "Restriction Requirement"). The Restriction Requirement asserts that the pending claims are drawn to two groups of independent and distinct inventions as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-4, drawn to a hydrotalcite-like substance; and

Group II: Claims 5-24, drawn to a method of producing a hydrotalcite-like substance.

Applicants expressly take no position as to the correctness of the Restriction Requirement. However, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-4, because of the administrative requirement that an election be made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.142; MPEP § 818.03(b). Accordingly, claims 5-24 are hereby withdrawn by this Response.

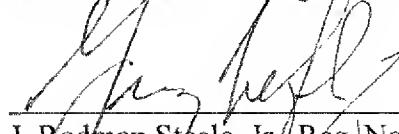
Independent claims 5 and 13 have been amended to expressly recite the hydrotalcite-like substance of claim 1. As claims 5 and 13 are methods of making and using the hydrotalcite-like substance of claim 1, respectively, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of claims 5-24 should it be determined that the elected claims are drawn to allowable subject matter.

Conclusion

If any issues remain outstanding, Applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned (561-847-7806) if it is believed that a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the application to an allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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